

An Educational Tour of an Overseas Country (Secondary 6)

Key Features:

With the intention of broadening students' horizons in education, enhancing their global outlook and facilitating cultural exchange, The Chinese Foundation Secondary School organized an educational tour to Australia for their students. Through this educational tour, the school had demonstrated how learning could be achieved outside classrooms. The itinerary included visits to universities, museums and places of interest, doing things that would not normally be done by tourists. Programmes were organized so that the students received guided tours of university campuses and attended seminars on various aspects of education in Australia. Students also had the opportunity to see personally how authentic learning was like with the organized sit-in class in one of the colleges, where they also participated in discussion and other activities. Farm visit and home stay had been arranged. In so doing, the students gained a deeper understanding of the different facets of life in Australia. It had been made clear at the outset that this trip was an educational one during which students were expected to learn rather than just having fun. Students had been provided with prior training before the trip, such as a background study of Australia. Moreover, students were taught to behave courteously in all situations and to exercise self-discipline throughout. The school had prepared a list of expectations laying down what needed to be done before, during and after the trip, enabling students to remain focused throughout the journey. Apart from sightseeing and touring the country to understand its social life and culture, students were required to carry out group projects to be presented in book form in the following areas: Aboriginal Culture, Biology, Education, Geography, History and Science in Australia. This educational visit overseas exemplifies how out of school activities can be used to promote multi-discipline learning on one hand and broaden students' global outlook on the other.



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Introduction:

The Chinese Foundation Secondary School intends to broaden our senior students' horizons in education by taking 22 willing students to Australia during the coming Census Holidays. Through participation in structured projects and personal interaction with the natives, our students should gain valuable insights into the "other land", an experience which cannot otherwise be obtained through organized tours provided by our local travel agency.

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Regulations

1. This is an educational visit. You are expected to learn from the visit rather than just having fun.
2. **Safety** is our primary concern. You are reminded to follow your teachers' instructions at all times.
3. You **must not leave** the group at any time.
4. In case of emergency, you should use your common sense to cope with the situation. Ask for help from a corresponding party, for example, the police.
5. Before the visit, you should complete a **background study** of Australia.
6. A **group project** is to be completed after the visit.
7. Since it is a group project, you are expected to **cooperate** with one another and work as a team in the course of completing the project. You should pay attention during the visit so that you will not miss out any useful information.
8. **Self-discipline** is expected from each one of you. You are reminded that you are representing the school. You must behave **courteously** in all situations. You must be **punctual** when attending all activities. No screaming or shouting is allowed throughout the trip.
9. You should not bring too much money. You are reminded to take care of your own personal belongings at all times, particularly your travel document.
10. As it is still summertime in Australia, you are advised to bring summer clothing. You may wish to bring a light sweater or jacket for outdoor activities in the evening. **No shorts or tank tops should be worn in public areas.**
11. You should take care of your own personal medication.
12. Rooms are assigned by teachers. You should respect and get along with your roommates responsibly.
13. Other than for having group discussion, no one should enter other students' rooms without prior permission from the teachers.
14. You may contact your family with your own cellular phones in the evening. You may not use your phone at other times unless permission is given by teachers.
15. You should not use the facilities in the hotel unless authorization is given.

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Itinerary

Date	Time	Event
14/3 WED	05:00PM	Arrive at HK International Airport - check in
15/3 THUR	07:10AM	Arrive at Sydney Airport
	09:30AM	Arrive at Furama Darling Harbour Hotel
	10:00AM	Sightseeing at Darling Harbour
	10:30AM	Maritime Museum
	12:00noon	Lunch
	01:30PM	Panasonic Imax Theatre - 3D Movie
	03:00PM	Powerhouse Museum
	05:30PM	Dinner at a Chinese restaurant in Sydney
	07:00PM	Mono Rail Sightseeing
	07:15PM	"Thursday Night Shopping at Queen Victoria Building, the biggest department store in Australia (David Jones and Grace Brothers, Dymock Bookstore)"
16/3 FRI	08:00AM	Breakfast at Hotel
	09:30AM	"University of Technology, Sydney (Guided Tour and Seminar)"
	12:00noon	Lunch at Market City
	02:00PM	University of Sydney (Guided Tour and Seminar)
	05:00PM	Sydney Aquarium
	07:30PM	Dinner at a Chinese restaurant in Sydney
17/3 SAT	08:00AM	Breakfast at Hotel
	09:00AM	"Sightseeing at The Rocks, Opera House, Harbour Bridge, The Art Gallery of New South Wales"
	12:00noon	Lunch
	01:00PM	Fox Studios
	06:00PM	Dinner at Sydney Tower - the tallest building in the Southern Hemisphere - Panoramic View over Sydney
18/3 SUN	08:00AM	Breakfast at Hotel
	09:00AM	Leave for Avondale College
	12:00noon	Lunch at Avondale College
	02:00PM	Guided Tour and Talk
	06:00PM	Dinner at Avondale College
19/3 MON	07:00AM	Breakfast at Avondale College
	09:00AM	Sit in Class
	12:30noon	Lunch at Avondale College

	02:00PM	Farm and Factory Visit
	06:00PM	Dinner at Avondale College
	07:00PM	Organized Walk
	08:00PM	Discussion and Activities
20/3 TUE	07:00AM	Breakfast at Avondale College
	08:30AM	Leave Avondale College for Sydney
	10:30AM	Arrive at Furama Darling Harbour Hotel
	12:00noon	Lunch at University of New South Wales' Canteen
	02:00PM	University of New South Wales - Guided Tour and Talk
	05:00PM	Coogee Beach and Bondi Beach
	07:00PM	Dinner at Bondi Beach
21/3 WED	07:00AM	Breakfast at Hotel
	08:00AM	Leave for Canberra
	10:30AM	Questacon and Science and Technology Centre in Canberra
	01:00PM	Lunch at Questacon
	02:00PM	Parliament House and Artificial Lake
	03:00PM	Australian War Memorial
	05:00PM	Back to Sydney
22/3 THUR	08:00AM	Breakfast at Hotel
	09:00AM	Taronga Zoo - the biggest zoo in Sydney
	12:00noon	Lunch at Taronga Zoo
	01:00PM	Leave Taronga Zoo
	02:00PM	Australian Wonderland
	06:00PM	Dinner at Paramatta
	08:00PM	Thursday Night Shopping in Sydney
23/3 FRI	08:30AM	Breakfast at Hotel
	10:00AM	"Hyde Park, The Australian Museum"
	12:00noon	Lunch
	02:00PM	Arrive at Sydney Airport - departure for Hong Kong